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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the NIS Program

1. There is transmitted herewith the Annual Report of the National Intelligence Survey program for Fiscal Year 1959.

2. Production for the year totaled 493 NIS sections and approximated the JCS annual requirement. Manpower reductions and diversions in the contributing agencies seriously unbalanced schedules and resulted in one-third of the year's total being produced in the final month of June. During the eleven years' operations of the NIS program, 4,754 sections have been produced, including 722 on Maintenance, and representing 76% of initial world-wide coverage.

3. The prime concern of the NIS Committee is the problem of providing an adequate revision cycle for more than 4,000 published NIS sections. Thorough examination of this problem by the member agencies is underway. A staff study by the Office of Basic Intelligence concluded that the more timely Maintenance to meet the urgent demands of NIS users world-wide will require sustained contributor effort at the full JCS annual level.

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